

**LAWN SAFETY**

# Lawn Safety

**Remember the first time you cut your**

**parent's lawn by yourself?**

**If you are over forty, you probably used a**

**manual push type, which required the**

**strength**  
**yards.**



**rgrown**

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**As time progressed, Mowing the yard**

**became easier. We got bigger powered**

**tools and a true Tim the Tool man experience! In fact if we weren't careful**

**we got the whole emergency room experience.**

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**Now we realize that there is more to**

**gardening and lawn mowing, than**

**just cranking up the riding**

**off into the sunset.**



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- **Nearly 75,000 Americans are seriously injured in lawn mower accidents each year.**
- **About 10,000 of those injuries involve children.**



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## Gas Engines:

- **Fill the tank before starting (Fill Outside) and don't refuel while the engine is hot.**
- **Never dangle gas cans from mower handles**  
**where a hot exhaust pipe could ignite**  
**escaping fumes and cause an**  
**explosion**



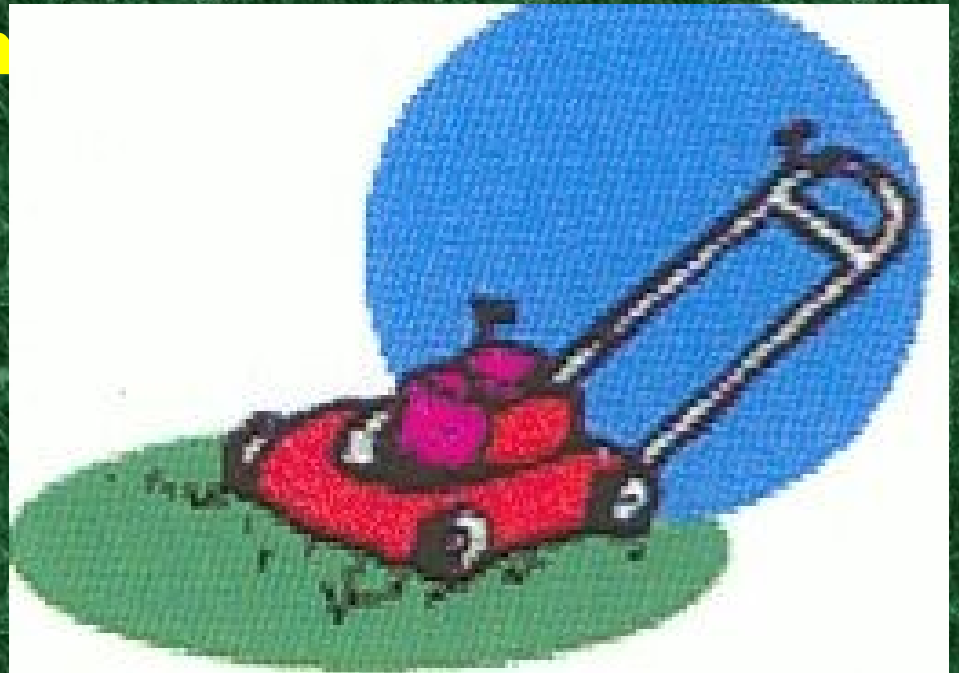


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- **Keep safety devices and guards in place.**

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- **Start the mower on level ground where you have firm**





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- **Never pull the mower**





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**If you slip or pull too hard your foot could go under the mower deck.**





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- **Always push it.**





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- **With push mowers Mow parallel to a slope**





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**Never pull up or go  
down**





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- **Always turn off the mower and disconnect the spark plug wire before unclogging the machine or adjusting it**
- **Gasoline engines can start even when they're turned off if the blade is rotated.**



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- Only use a power mower with a control that stops the mower if the handle is let go.
- \*\*This control should





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- One injury that you may not associate with a lawn mower is a burn.

This can be a painful nuisance from touching a hot muffler or may be very serious from explosions caused by mishandled

gasoline muffler



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- **Never mow a wet lawn. Wet grass can help cause accidents two ways.**
- **First, it is slippery, and a fall could bring you in contact with the blade.**
- **Second, wet grass will clog the discharge chute and you might be tempted to clear it without turning an older mower off.**



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**Keep hands away from the discharge chute and always wear sturdy shoes with non-slip soles**

**This does not include sneakers, sandals especially bare feet**



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**Riding**

**Mower**

- **Look behind mower when backing up.**

**Back up only  
minimal  
distances.**





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- **Do not allow children younger than 14 to use ride-on mowers.**
- **Do not allow children younger than 14 to use walk-behind mowers**



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- **Remove hazards, such as stones, branches or toys before starting to mow.**
  - **Refresh your memory about the location of immovable obstacles such as pipes or rocks before you start.**
- (Bent shafts are costly on riders,  
( just throw a walk behind away)**



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- **The blade of a rotary lawn mower can travel up to 200 miles per hour.**
- **It was designed to cut thick grass, so fingers and toes won't slow the engine ont bit.**



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**Mowing on slopes is hazardous,  
especially on a riding mower.**

**When**

**mowing slopes, drive up and down  
the**

**grade rather than across the face  
of the**

**slope.**



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**Wrong**





# Lawn Safety

**When going uphill, drive as if riding a**

**horse--lean forward so the mower doesn't**

**"pop a wheelie." Also, empty the grass**

**bags when only half full because the full**

**weight of the bags may cause the mower**

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- **A lawn mower is too dangerous to operate for anyone who is angry, tired, or distracted.**
- **Never operate a lawn mower when taking medicines or drinking alcohol.**



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## **Electric Mowers:**

**Mower should only be plugged into a  
ground fault interrupter (GFCI) to  
insure the  
safety of the operator.**



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- **Check cords and plugs.**
- **Buy the best extension cords you can afford, and periodically check their condition.**





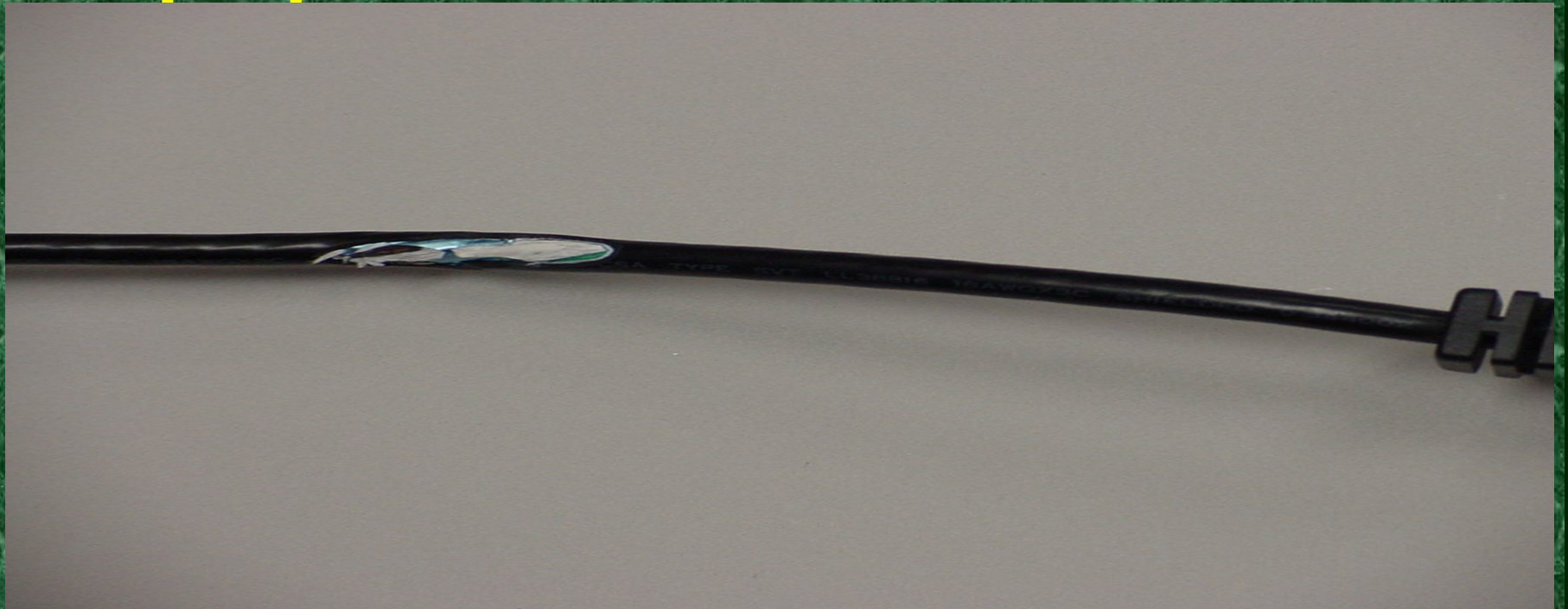
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- **Be Aware of your cord at all times**  
**(Most people cut their cord once or twice a season).**

**Electric mowers create a different type of burn hazard.**

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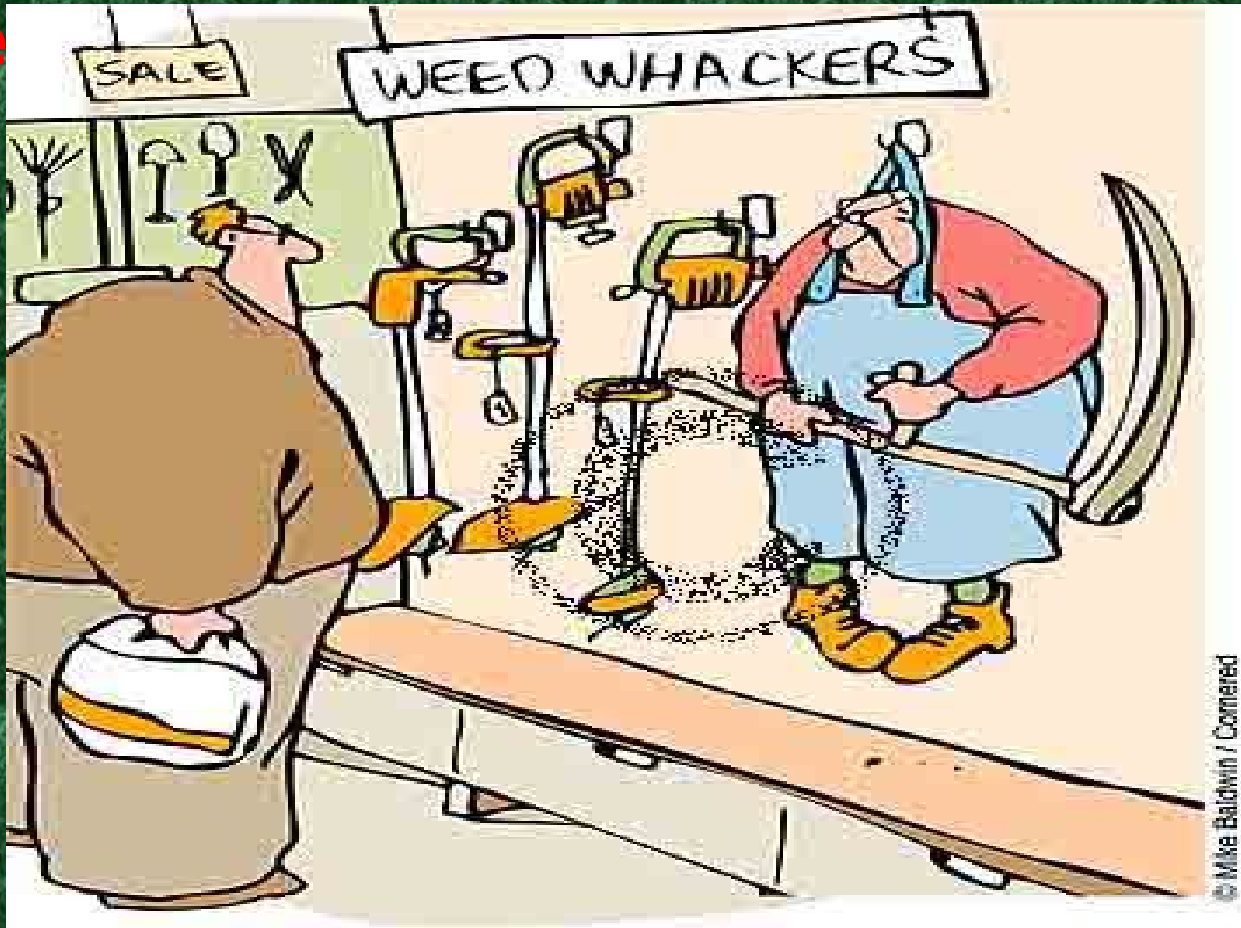
- **Frayed insulation, a metal mower, and damp grass can cause severe electrical burns or lethal**





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**Hedge Trimmers/Weed Wackers/Lawn Edge**



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- **Wear safety eye protection. It's also a good idea to wear long pants when doing lawn**



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- **Never use electric-hedge trimmers over**

**your head. If trimmers become lodged on something, disconnect the power source before attempting to dislodge it.**





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- When using a weed trimmer, disconnect

power before working  
line.

Always wear goggles

- When working with rocks or stones!



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**In Season  
Now**



**Out of  
Season**





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**Blowers are relatively safe devices, but don't**

**direct the nozzle at anyone because of the**

**risk of eye injury.**

**For victims of respiratory problems, wearing a mask will cut down on the amount of dust that finds its way into lungs.**

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**Actually, the biggest threat posed by blowers is ear damage, because of their noise level.**

**For that reason, we wear ear protection; Plugs or Mickey Mouse ear**





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**Back Pac**

**Hand Held**



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**Don't forget to drink plenty of fluids while working in your lawn to prevent dehydration.**



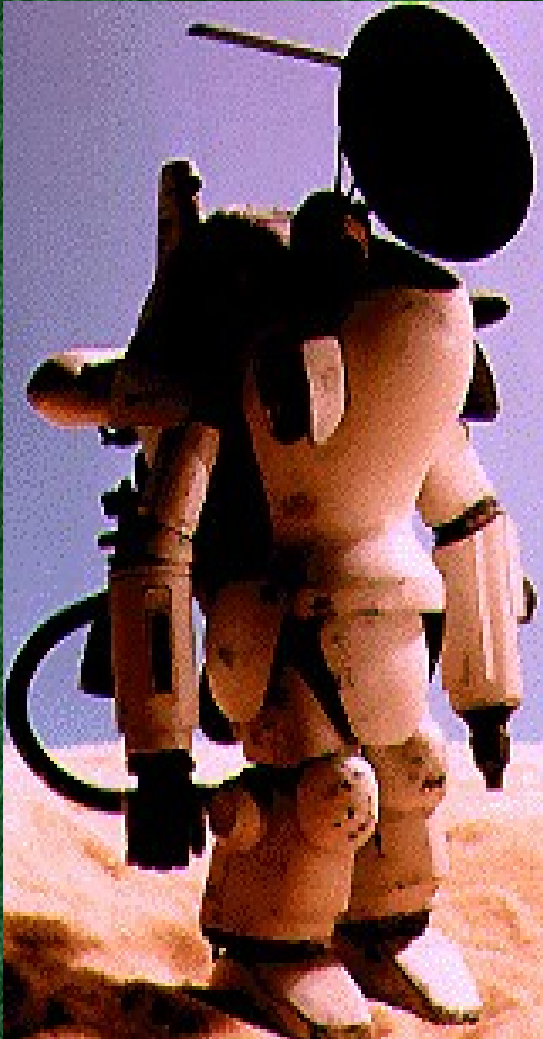


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